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COL. TAYLOR TELLS OF THE MURDER BY NIGHT RIDERS OF CAPT. RANKEN

Aged Veteran of Civil War
Related His Experience
at Reelfoot Lake.

SAW CAPT. RANKEN
WHEN HE WAS SHOT

The Colonel Then Escaped
While Night Riders Were
Emptying Their Revolvers
Into Body of the Strang-
ling Man—With Emotion,
the Witness Told Jury of
His Experience.

By Associated Press.
Union City, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Following his caution to the press yesterday not to print the testimony in the night rider cases Judge Jones today cautioned the ministers of the local churches not to refer to the cases in their sermons Sunday since the jurors might be present. He took no further action with regard to the press, although he conferred personally with the correspondents of several of the state papers, impressing upon them the necessity for carrying out the court's orders.

The first witness of the day was Col. R. Z. Taylor, the companion of Captain Kuenton Ranken, on the night of the murder. Col. Taylor is 63 years old, a veteran of the Confederate army and a wealthy man. He is tall, erect and soldierly in spite of his years, wears a gray beard neatly trimmed and does not show his age. Piercing blue eyes shining out from beneath shaggy eyebrows give him a stern appearance. Col. Taylor and Captain Kuenton Ranken, on the night to leave some land to Carpenter. They drove over the proposed property known as Grassy Island, returned to the hotel on the night of October 19, and left orders for horses for another trip the day following. Then they retired.

Awakened in Night.

Col. Taylor was awakened by Ward's call and the same instant a rear window of his room was raised. Two pump guns were thrust in, followed by two black masked heads. But not a word was spoken until the leader of the band entered the room by the door. The night riders separated Taylor from Ranken and Taylor did not see Ranken from the time they left their room until he saw Ranken murdered. They told Taylor they proposed to kill him. When the night riders reached the forked Ash tree, on the banks of the slough, they halted Taylor and marched Ranken to the foot of the tree. The rope was adjusted and thrown over the fork, then some night rider said:

"Give him time to pray."
"I have attended to that," was Ranken's quiet reply.

Some one of the masked band seized the rope and drew Ranken up. The tree was inclined a trifle and they raised the body only until the toes scarcely touched the ground. From the lips of the swaying figure came the muffled appeal "you are choking me, gentlemen, I pray you to let me down. Please, gentlemen, let me down."

Then one of the night riders fired a shot into the body of Ranken, even as he pleaded for his life. Instantly a fusillade came. Most of the riders, however, shot into the air. Taylor turned to his captors and said:

Sprung Into Water.

"I am tired, gentlemen, let me sit down." He crouched to his knees, ready to spring; waited until he thought the guns were empty, then, when the firing stopped, he jumped

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Will Probably Prohibit

Importation of Absinthe

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 19.—There is a strong probability that the further importation of absinthe into the United States will be prohibited. A recommendation to that end was made yesterday by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry and the action of the secretary is awaited with interest. Dr. Wiley recently conducted some investigation in reference to

the extent to which absinthe is used in this country and has discovered that on account of the taste and effect of the drug the habit is rapidly acquired and is a difficult one to give up. In his recommendation Dr. Wiley points out that section 11 of the pure food and drug act prohibits the importation of articles injurious to health and he classifies absinthe as one of these.

WAR BETWEEN STANDARD

OIL AND SCOTCH PRODUCERS

By Associated Press.
Glasgow, Dec. 19.—The Standard Oil Company's invasion of the Scotch market threatens to bring about a rate war between it and the Scotch oil producers. Having established tanks in several towns, the Standard Oil company, it is said, submitted an

TO HOLIDAY BUYERS:

The Journal's circulation to-day, and every day in the year, is DOUBLE the combined Pensacola circulation of all the other papers—local or outside—which are read in this city. This is why The Journal is valuable to you every day in the year.

MUCH MONEY MOVED THROUGH N. Y. STREETS

Guarded by Lines of Special
Policemen, Half a Billion
Dollars Transferred to the
Bank's New Quarters.

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 19.—Cash and securities totalling half a billion dollars were moved through the streets of New York and Brooklyn respectively today, the occasion being moving day for the Dime Savings bank in Brooklyn and the National City bank, of 22 Wall street. Both institutions go to new quarters. Thirty millions in cash and securities guarded by two lines of special policemen was transferred in automobiles by the Brooklyn institution today, while \$50,000,000 in cash and \$500,000 in securities goes to the home of the new National City bank.

NINE JURORS SECURED.

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 19.—When court opened today it was expected that the jury to try Beach Hargis for the murder of his father would be completed and the prosecution's opening statement made before noon. Nine jurors were in the box when court adjourned yesterday.

BELIEVED TO BE WOMAN.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—The pyromaniac who last Thursday set fire to three churches in Englewood is believed by the police to be a woman. It is said she was arrested a year ago on a similar charge, was found to be demented and was not prosecuted.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

TO JANUARY 4, 1909.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 19.—The brief session of the senate today was devoted to routine business. Adjournment was taken to January 4.

After passing a bill granting the Southern Pacific Railway Company the right of way across Fort Mason, a military reservation, the house today adjourned to January 4.

PACKING HOUSE PLANT.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 19.—Announcement was made today that the erection of an up-to-date packing plant, with a capacity of approximately 4,000 hogs and 1,000 beefs a week will be begun in Atlanta, April 1. The supply of meat will be principally from Tennessee.

POLICEMAN FOR 45 YEARS.

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MOTION FOR BAIL FOR THE COOPERS.

By Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 12.—A motion came up in the criminal court today for bail for Col. D. B. Cooper, Robin Cooper and ex-Sheriff John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of Senator Edward Ward Carmack on the streets of this city November 9. The motion will be heard next Tuesday.

ROANOKE CHIEF OF POLICE SHOT AND KILLED

Engaged in Pistol Duel With
Man Charged With Rob-
bery—The Latter Killed
After Chief Was Wounded.

By Associated Press.
Roanoke, Va., Dec. 19.—In a pistol duel on the principal street of Wytheville, Va., this evening, Chief of Police McClintock and E. A. Cregger were killed.

McClintock killed Cregger after the latter had fatally wounded the chief. The bodies fell near together in the thoroughfare.

Chief McClintock and Deputy White had a warrant for the arrest of Cregger and his brother Deas, charging robbery. When the officers met the Creggers and told them their purpose, E. A. Cregger drew a revolver and began firing.

SEN. FORAKER

IS PREPARING

FOR CAMPAIGN

Has Established Headquar-
ters in Same Building in
Columbus as His Rival,
Congressman Burton.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Dec. 19.—Senator Joseph Benson Foraker arrived here today and began his campaign to succeed himself. He has headquarters at the Chittenden hotel, where Representative Theodore Burton, one of his rivals, is established.

Mr. Foraker declined to give out any estimate as to his strength or to comment on the rumor as to a deadlock in the contest and the election of some dark horse.

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The Lindenhall Cleared Yes-
terday For Bremen With
12,004 Bales.

HAS VALUATION OF
OVER HALF MILLION

Made a Total of Over Twen-
ty Thousand Bales of the
Fleecy Staple to Be Ship-
ped Out of Pensacola Dur-
ing the Past Week, and
More is Being Loaded.

Possibly the largest and most valuable cargo of cotton to be shipped from Pensacola this season will go out this morning on the British steamer Lindenhall when that vessel takes her departure for Bremen.

Over 20,000 Bales.

More than 20,000 bales of cotton were shipped from Pensacola during the past week. During the early portion the steamer August Belmont carried a full cargo to foreign ports. This amounted to over 9,000 square bales and had a valuation of nearly half a million. The total valuation of cotton shipments alone from this port this week has been about \$1,000,000.

While two of the largest vessels which have been loading at the N. wharves during the week have finished their cargoes there are still others being loaded, and more are expected this morning, so that the employees during the 24th December

NEW ORLEANS

OFFERS \$30,000

FOR BIG FIGHT

Manager Moss of West Side
Athletic Club Wants the
Burns-Johnson Fight For
Heavyweight Champion-
ship.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Manager Herman Moss, of the Westside Athletic Club, received a cablegram today from Sidney, Australia, stating that the fight between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship of the world had been declared off. Manager Moss immediately called Manager Bettison, of the National Sporting Club of London offering a purse of \$30,000 for the match. If he is successful it is the intention of Mr. Moss to pull off the fight here during carnival week.

ROOT WILL

RESIGN AS

SEC'Y STATE

He Is Elected to the Uni-
ted States Senate by the
New York Legislature He
Will Resign at Once.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Early indications point to a scramble among well known republicans to succeed United States Senator Philander C. Knox, who has accepted the offer of President-elect Taft to become secretary of state in the Taft cabinet. Following a custom in Pennsylvania which gives both the east and west a representative in the senate, Mr. Knox's successor will come from the west. At least half a dozen candidates have been mentioned over-night, all of them residing in or near Pittsburgh. It is believed here that Senator Knox will not resign from the senate until some time after January 20, on which date the legislature will meet in joint session to elect a senator for the term beginning March 4. Senator Boies Penrose is a candidate for reelection, and as he has opposition it is the desire of Senator Penrose's friends that Senator Knox keep his seat for the present in order not to complicate the political situation with regard to Senator Penrose's candidacy. Senator Penrose is opposed by John O. Sheats, who is identified with the republican party. He was only recently proposed and Senator Penrose's friends express confidence that the senator will be re-elected. The republican caucus will be held January 4. Senator Knox's term expires March 4, 1911, and his successor will be elected to serve out the unexpired term.

IMMENSE SHIPMENT OF

COTTON ON STEAMER

MUCH WORK DURING WEEK

AND PAY ROLL VERY LARGE

TO ADVERTISERS:

The Journal contains to-day the largest number of advertisements that has ever been published, or that will be published this year, by a Pensacola paper. This Edition is a complete guide and catalogue for your holiday buying. Read every page and do your buying from the merchants who have the enterprise to ask you for your trade.

Estimated That Over \$20,-

000 Paid Out For Bay

Work Alone.

MERCHANTS DID

A BIG BUSINESS

Streets Were Crowded Dur-
ing Afternoon and Night
With Shoppers—In Addition
to the Bay Work Several
Semi-Monthly and
Monthly Pay Rolls Were
Met During Latter Por-
tion of Week.

Eleven steamships, four sailing

ships and ten barks—a total of 25 ves-

sels—furnished employment to a large

number of men during the past week

in the bay and at the several wharves,

the payroll for this work for the week

being estimated at \$20,000, this

amount having been paid out yester-

day evening.

In addition to the amount paid for

work in the bay and on the various

docks, a large sum was paid to the

men engaged in the building trades

the number of permits for repairs and

new buildings issued by the building

inspector showing that a great amount

of work of this kind is in progress

throughout the city. Reports of the

building inspector indicate that the

work now in progress among the

building trades exceeds the amount

at this time last year. Yesterday

was the regular pay day for these

employees, all the men having received

their salaries in the afternoon.

L. & N. Pay Car.

Another big pay roll was met by

the Louisville and Nashville company

Friday afternoon when the pay car

arrived here. The trainmen and other

employees of this division received the

money Friday night and yesterday

morning, the pay car leaving over the

Pensacola and Atlantic division Sat-

urday evening, going as far as River

Junction.

Officers and members of the police

and fire departments and all other

city officials and employees received

their pay for the first half of Decem-

ber on Thursday morning.

Much Business Done.

Merchants on Palafox street did an

immense business yesterday afternoon

and last night, while the different

stores on other streets also did a

large business. Throngs of people

crowded the thoroughfares until a

late hour last night. A large sum of

money having been paid for holiday

and other purchases.

Christmas eve has been named by

stevedores as the next pay day for

the men engaged in loading vessels at

the wharves and in the stream. Other

employers will also meet their pay

rolls on this day.

SAYS PANAMA CANAL WILL

BE COMPLETED IN SIX YEARS

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—F. W. Kuhn, general wrecking foreman on the Panama Railroad, who is home to spend his vacation with his family in this city, says that the Panama canal will be completed in six years and that stories of underground lakes, fatal slides and other disturbances are untrue and great injury to the men responsible for the progress of the canal.

There will be two steel caisson gates

and arrangement will be such that

with a ship in the inner dock the out-

er may be filled and emptied inde-

pendently, thus allowing the ship upon

which the most extensive repairs are

to be made to remain in the inner

dock while ships needing minor re-

pairs are being docked in rapid suc-

cession in the outer dock. By float-

ing the inner caisson from the dry-

dock, ships of greater length than any

now in existence or planned could be

docked.

DOCK AT HAWAII NAVAL

STATION LARGEST IN WORLD

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Interesting

data made public at the bureau of

yards and docks of the navy regard-

ing the proposed dry dock at Pearl

Harbor, Hawaii, naval station, is that

its overall length will be 1,185 feet,

the largest ever constructed by the

American government. An innovation,

so far as American docks are con-

cerned, is the construction of four

caisson seats for dividing the main

structure into an inner and outer.

THREE GENERATIONS MORE

AND NO INDIANS LEFT

By Associated Press.

Helena, Mont., Dec. 19.—Three

generations more and I don't believe

there will be a real Indian left in the

country," said Special Agent Cone of

the Indian service today. He has

spent the greater portion of his life in

the Indian service.

"White men's clothing and houses

have signed the death warrant of the

Indian," continued Mr. Cone. "Con-

sumption and other diseases of a civil-

ized people have gotten a foothold

on every reservation in the country

and the ranks of the full blooded In-

dians are being decimated rapidly.

This is particularly true of the older

Indians who roamed the plains and

the mountains before the creation of

reservations and who have not been

constitutionally fitted for the changed

environments."